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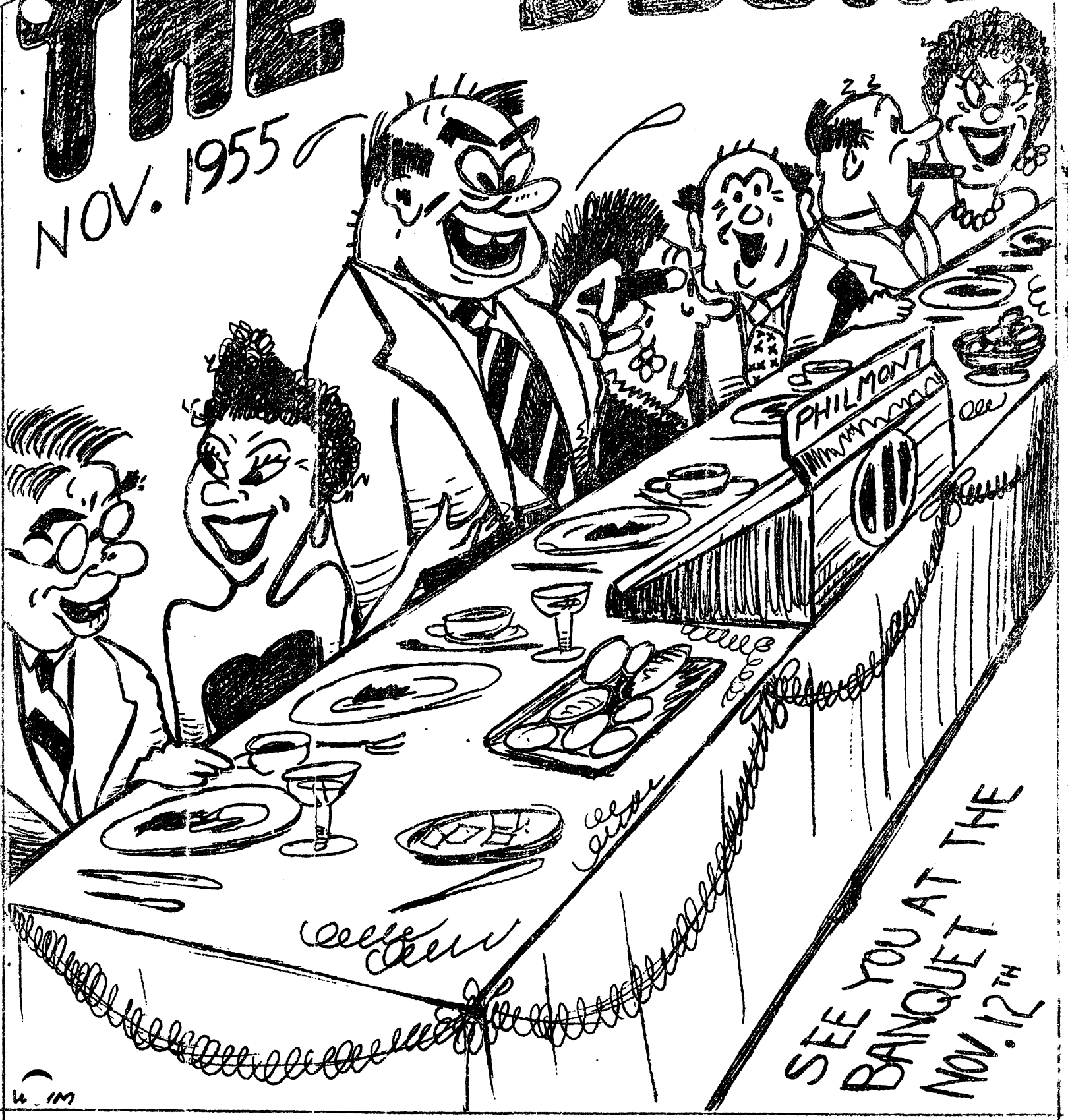

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DEADLINE
All material for the BLURB must be in the hands of W3PXY by the 15th of the month. Any item for the Trading Post must be received by W3EXY not later than the 15th of the month.

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First Monday of the month, Cassidy School Lansdowne Ave. at Atwood Street at 8:00PM

NET FREQUENCIES
Channel #1-29493kc Channel #3-27000kc
Channel #2-29626kc Channel #4- 50.7mc
29493 is monitored from - 0630 to 0001 daily for the benefit of the mobiles in the Philadelphia area.

NETS
SEN 0730-0830 weekdays "10 on 10", 10 AM Sunday. Blarney sessions anytime. All on Channel # 1

E D I T O R I A L P A G E

"3 PIPS"

Phil-Mont claims the responsibility for the "invention" of the 3 pip breaking system where a station wishing to break into a contact already in progress merely heterodynes the transmitting station with 3 short carrier pulses and a listening station recognizes the break by transmitting 2 pulses in return. As we all know this has worked exceedingly well --- and its use has spread throughout this area and to other areas as well. Our members contacting others outside our local area have been spreading this system for the past several years. It is not unusual to hear a "DX" station break into our nets using the 3 pip system.

Several mis-understandings exist however which reduce the effectiveness of the system. Some stations hearing a 3 pip breaker fail to acknowledge with the 2 pips. This of course makes the breaker think he hasn't been heard so he continues to "break" causing interference. In standing by after a transmission to invite the breaker to go ahead it is very common that there might have been 2 or more breakers. In this case both start transmitting simultaneously--neither being understood because of heterodyne interference. If these stations both light into a discourse on the weather, politics and women, several minutes of meaningless heterodynes are thrust upon the others in the contact. The remedy is simple --- when the station stands by for you - merely announce your call - and stand by. --- If you were the only one -- you will undoubtedly be asked to go ahead with a transmission. If there was another station, he can be recognized also.

Another shortcoming exists when two stations very close to one another are in contact. Its practically impossible to heterodyne such strong signals from any distance. In cases like this --please stand by for a few seconds between transmissions --- maybe there's a station that has been trying to break you without success. The operation of this system has been excellent without the annoying interference or use of words like "break-break", or swishing the VFO back and forth across the frequency. Let's all try to keep the system intact --- and to extend its use.

W3NIP

ED received a special letter from W3NL complimenting W3IM for his nice job on the September carfoon named "Who's overloaded"? The Blurb staff and The Autocall staff have been sending each other so many "bouquets" about each others prowess as a staff that the place is beginning to smell. Just in case you boys think the staff doesn't like all those fine words, let W3IM know we can't do without him and watch him beam from ear to ear. As mentioned in the last meeting the whole staff resigns as of the first of the year and can only be reinstated by a vote of confidence - if the French can do it why not us? This vote of confidence is a little different tho - the only vote the staff will accept is "plain ordinary assistance" so lets get busy and send in scoop for print and also assistance for the Circulation and Printing Dept.---- The Membership Committee under the leadership of W3LNQ met recently and passed three members for the vacancies that were open. A set of rules are in the mill.--- The Nominating Committee met at W3PXY's and set up rules by which the committee is guided with the intent of carrying them on from year to year. A number of prospects for candidacy were suggested by the rank and file and have been approached. One of the primary requisites of office as agreed by all was "Stature". If you try to define what this means you will cover the 'waterfront'. There are only four officers for a membership of 100 - this means you have actually less than a 1% chance of making one of the four select positions in the club. For the fellow who gets there - it's mighty distinctive and a real accomplishment. We sincerely hope everyone contacted can see their way clear to 'run' for Phil-Mont. The additional two offices you may have heard about recently have not been voted upon by the membership because YOU didn't send in your ballot to W3QQH. He needs a return of 51% of the membership to pass or reject the amendment. Let's get the word to Spence. The offices to be established by your vote are Assistant Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. These offices will have to carry over til next year because you did not get on the ball. Write - call - see - send pigeon - smoke signal - or CW (he can't read) message to Spence with your wishes.--- The problem of a phone listing for the club has been brought up now several times and is proving to be a weighty problem. There are lots of angles to it that have not been discussed (or cussed shall we say?) fully. ---
From ARRL -

Dear George:.

I am sorry I failed to notice the comment at the end of your article concerning the documentary film until after my previous letter had gone out. I shall certainly mention this, either in the flood writeup or elsewhere in QST, as being available to any any amateur group wishing to review it.

As a matter of fact, we would rather like to review it ourselves, if this is feasible. We have projection facilities for 16 mm sound, and will be glad to return the film as soon as we have screened it. 73

Sincerely,

George Hart, W1NJM
National Emergency Coordinator

W3UMK moved from Chester Co. to Cynwyd. He is just another ole cityite now. --- The boys are reporting lots of openings of the band recently - one feller (unidentified)heard LU, CE, and CX a couple of Sundays back with over thirty stations heard in about 10 minutes on the mobile rig - none worked !! ED's note - it must have been Spence he can't work anything. Another feller (Not Spencer) worked W6 and W7 land for about an hour on the above opening. --- We have word that W3GIF is now allowed on Channels assigned to Phil-Mont. --- Don't forget your tickets to the Banquet on November 12th. Its not far off. It is really going to be a whopper-do this year. We have room for about 250 in a very nice room at Casa Conti in Glenside. Lots of prizes for the gals and guys. (It's be kind to your wife nite fellers) It's your chance to make amends for all your wrong doings this last year (all your hamming wrong doings that is) NOTHING will cover up the rest. --- Bill, W3VXN, is busy patching all the rough film together for the final production. It's the nicest job this ED has seen done.

swabs.- Here is a bit extracted from the "Philadelphia Inquirer" Editorial Section:

"HAMS TO THE RESCUE"

"Much is said pro and con the radio "hams" who any night may be heard flooding the air with their operations; but in every great emergency- in peacetime or war - they come through in a way that can leave no doubt as to their value to the country. The recent flood crisis was no exception.
The network of amateur operators covering the Delaware Valley and nearby flood areas transmitted more that 500 urgent calls during the four-day period when most other forms of communication were impossible. In Stroudsburg a handful of amateurs kept a 24-hour vigil, transmitting messages for food, medicine and supplies and frantic queries from persons who had lost contact with their loved ones. Without their services the flood tragedy would have been even more dreadful.
In fact, it is not too far afield to suggest that these people who have developed both their skill and their equipment voluntarily and at their own expense represent one of the finest aspects of American life. They are particularly symbolic of the advantages which freedom of initiative bring to a whole people. It is impossible to imagine the existence of such a group in totalitarian countries; the hams behind the iron and bamboo curtains by their very nature are all conspirators, secretive, afraid, hunted and harried by police.
In America they hide from no one. They are well known to their neighbors, the police or anybody else who is interested; and in time of need they may be called upon openly for services which only they can render."

We got quite a kick out of listening to the RACES test the other day - the area was pretty well represented with all clubs participating but Phil-Mont got the credit. Tis amazing- these days there is only one kind of ham in the Philadelphia area and that ham belongs to the Phil-Mont Club. Our public relations department (which incidently doesn't exist) has been doing a bang-up job. You know, of course, who heads up this department, don't you? It's the guy who reads this blurb. We can thank 100 fellows in the PR Dept. for a job well done. If we were to narrow it down somewhat THE 'BRADS' lead the list. ---
ED prevailed on our ardent and effervescent humorist, W3SAI, to write a few lines for you eager beavers every month - so away we go ----

"MY MAILBAG RUNNETH OVER"

Many years ago, I, as a lad, was fascinated by the ads in the pulp magazines which featured the tall debonair man in top hat and tails. He was usually known as Operative #38 and he was following "that man". We kids never knew who "that man" was, but we did know that Operative #38 was a Private Eye who had received his training at some school of criminal investigation. Every kid in our neighborhood wanted to be a Private Eye, but since money was in short supply, none of us was able to send away for the course of study.
Lack of funds, however, did not deter the more ardent students of police science, and Operative #38 had many, juvenile imitators. It was not unusual to spot an unsuspecting suspect being trailed by one of the kids: this kid might be trailed simultaneously by another kid, who in turn was being trailed by still another kid, and so ad infinitum. Sometimes the line was spread over a course of three city blocks, and was so evenly spaced, that from above it looked like a snake undulating through the forest primeval.
I, however was of a more sedentary nature, and consequently less given to this arduous play-acting; and so, after lengthy deliberation I decided to become a Private Ear. Becoming a Private Ear may seem to be an easier task physically, but it definitely is tougher mentally, and so, after many years of diligent adherance to my studies I was able to reach my goal. After successfully passing the examination given by the F.C.C., I became NOT just ordinary Operative #38, BUT Operator W3SAI.
This certification entitled me to all the rights and privileges of listening on

the frequency, and this I proceeded to do. My findings are various, and gathering data has been an enlightening experience. I have gone so far as to search out old log-books and rare manuscripts and have even traced back apocryphal stories about the long-lost art of finger talk or CW. Further research led me along funereal byways, and I ran across some interesting epitaphs in a little cemetery situated in the Philadelphia-Montgomery area. Their poetic expression reflects the problems that confront us these days on a crowded band, more especially the frequency 29,493 kc.

1. PAX VOBISCUM
Pause and pray
For a worthless clown
Who always broke in
For a quick run-down.

2. IN PACE REQUIEBAT
His breath stopped short
As he inhaled a thistle
Just when he modulated
With an anonymous whistle.

3. AVE ET VALE
Our wrath and fury
Have laid him low
For testing his kilowatt
During our Q.S.O.

4. L'ENVOI
Way down deep
Sod o'er his head
CQ'd for an hour
With his receiver dead.

Oh, well - maybe one of these days somebody will.....QRX-one, I think there's somebody on the frequency and I must listen. 73 for now - W3SAI

We are trying to work on W3SMA who has had a lot of experience in this racket to give out with the word - ED's wearing him down. You help boys. ---- At the risk of being redundant we want to print verbatum from the "Autocall" (The Washington Mobile Radio Club- Hi Reading) This little bit will charge the batteries of our "carfoonery " dept. for at least the next year. Keep up the swell work fellers.

"BLURB COVER"

"You shoulda been at the last meeting if you were one of those absent. Ye ED passed around the front of the "BLURB", Philadelphia Mobile Club paper. The September issue has a cartoon on it which is the best by all odds that this ED has ever seen on a ham magazine. Sure wish we had a method of reproducing this for the "AUTOCALL". Congrats W3IM for your wonderful efforts."

The Washington Mobile Club reprinted our list of guarded frequencies and added a few - let's let 'er grow. If you hear any more - send them in to ED.

VISITORS AT THE LAST MEETING

A fellow by the name of Jones, WN3BBD, W3YDC, W3YDB, W3GBK, W3UZF, W3DHN, Mr. Kuwahara, W3BER, W3ZLX, W3UMW, W3BGR, W3BGP, W3DHJ, W3ARD, and Mr. Bennetti. Boy what a mob of prospects, fellers, it's the best turn out we have had in a long time. Fifteen all told. Glad to have you gang and may you all be club members.

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NEW MOBILES HEARD

W3DTH, W3JUH, W3KNC, W3SMN, W3ZXH, W3GEZ, W3WTG, W3YHU.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 7th -- Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club Meeting
Speaker - Fred H. Travers, W3JPP
Subject - "Uses of Power Line Carrier Current by Public Utilities"
Nominations of Club Officers for 1956
November 12th-- PMRC Annual Banquet at Casa Conti, Glenside, Penna. Tickets $3.50 each.

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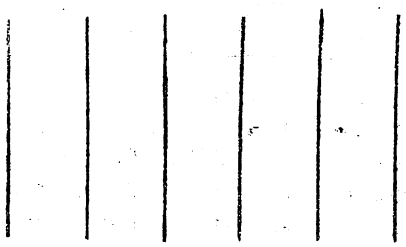
Due to technical difficulties there is no Wobbly Hobby Page this month.

BRAIN TEASER

Take six matches of equal length and without breaking or bending them, construct four equilateral triangles of equal size.



GIVE UP?— SOLUTION NEXT MONTH

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For Sale:

Beam, 20 meter, 2 element wide spaced with fifteen foot stand, rotary and compass $70 (W3VCY GR 3-8315)

Motorola Police Cruiser Radio Receiver, Model P-69-13, xtal controlled at 1500 kc. (W3YJM SU 9-3596)

Receiver, National NC-44, all bamd 550 kc. to 30 mc. $25 (Don Jones 254 Heather Road Upper Darby, Penna.)

Viking II, Modification A and B, with Viking VFO, used less then twenty hours $285 (W3CLT CH 7-0879)

Seller is on his honor to send 10% of purchase price to club treasurer, W3DQG

Please fill in coupon below and mail to: Harold Dillon W3EXY
Aronimink Arms Bldg. P
Drexel Hill, Penna.

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